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Your input is important!

Leading up to the Work Group's first meeting on September 26, 2008, DNR hosted a series of public workshops around the state to gather input from citizens and recreational user groups on questions, such as: what type of recreation do you enjoy and where do you like to recreate in Washington? Responses to these questions will give work group members an idea of what the citizens of this state are thinking about recreation on DNR-managed lands.

If you missed out on attending one of these meetings, you will have more opportunity to provide your input through a variety of means. Please check back on this Web page. You can also sign up to receive the Recreation E-Newsletter to learn more about the progress of the Sustainable Recreation Work Group, as well as other recreation-related news. To subscribe, send an email to: RecreationENews@dnr.wa.gov

Why does the state need a new vision for recreation?

DNR last officially addressed recreation on state-managed lands in 1971. Since then, the face of recreation has changed considerably. Washingtonians have embraced recreation on DNR-managed land on a level and in ways no one could have anticipated.

- Newer forms of recreation such as ORV riding, mountain biking and paragliding are gaining popularity in addition to the more traditional uses such as hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing.
- Increased population in the state also means increased recreational use and competition for space from diverse recreational activities.
- Development is encroaching on the fringes of open spaces commonly used for recreation.

Work Group Timeline

- First meeting – September 26, 2008
- Progress report due to Legislature – December 2008
- Final recommendations to Legislature – December 2009

